

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims \* and ADD new claims \* in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for suppressing menu items on a menu, comprising :

~~setting~~modifying a definition file by allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to said one or more of said menu items;

retrieving said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

conducting a suppress process indicated in said definition file for each of said menu items when said retrieved menu items have been registered in said definition file; and

passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said conducting, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for suppressing menu items on a menu, comprising:

~~setting~~modifying a definition file by allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to said one or more of said menu items;

retrieving said menu items for said menu and an application ID specifying an application of said menu items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that said application displays said menu;

conducting a suppress process indicated in said definition file for a location of said retrieved application ID for said menu items when said retrieved menu items have been registered in said definition file; and

passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

3. (CANCELLED)

4. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said suppress process conducts at least one of a first suppress display for suppressing an operation corresponding to each of said menu items and displaying said menu items in luminosity or a color that is different from a normal display, a second suppress display for suppressing said operation corresponding to each of said menu items and making said menu items invisible, and a third suppress display for suppressing said operation corresponding to each of said menu items.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to suppress menu items on a menu, by:

settingmodifying a definition file by allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to said one or more of said menu items;

retrieving said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

conducting a suppress process indicated in said definition file for each of said retrieved menu items when said retrieved menu items have been registered in said definition file; and

passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to suppress menu items on a menu, by:

settingmodifying a definition file by allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicate a suppress process to

said one or more of said menu items;

retrieving said menu items for said menu and an application ID specifying an application of said menu items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that said application displays said menu;

conducting a suppress process indicated in said definition file for a location of said application ID retrieved in said retrieving code for said menu items when said retrieved menu items have been registered in said definition file; and

passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for suppressing menu items, comprising:

a settingmodifying unit settingmodifying a definition file by allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to said one or more of said menu items;

a retrieving part retrieving said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

a conducting part conducting a suppress process indicated in said definition file for each of said menu items when said retrieved menu items have been registered in said definition file; and

a passing part passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.